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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE SCREENING, TREATMENT,
CASE FINDING, AND EDUCATION SERVICES**
(All Districts) (3 Votes)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to approve and sign an agreement with AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) effective October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, with provision for two 12-month automatic renewals for Fiscal Years (FY) 2006-07 and 2007-08, for the provision of sexually transmitted disease (STD) screening, treatment, case finding, and education services at a Men's Wellness Center located in Metro Service Planning Area (SPA) 4, at a net County cost of \$206,500, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and Chief Administrative Office (CAO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Health Services, or his designee, to sign an agreement with L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC) effective October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, with provision for two 12-month automatic renewals for FYs 2006-07 and 2007-08, for the provision of STD screening, treatment, case finding, and education services in Metro SPA 4, at a total program cost of \$355,253, partially offset by \$86,753 in Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Comprehensive STD Prevention Systems (CSPS) funds, and \$268,500 in net County cost, subject to review and approval by County Counsel and CAO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Board approval of the recommended actions will provide funding for the continuation of STD screening, treatment, case finding, and education services in SPA 4 to the high risk population of men who have sex with men (MSM) and men who have sex with men and women (MSMW).

AHF and LAGLC serve a population which has one of the highest incidences of STD in the County. LAGLC continues to experience a high success rate not shown by other public or private agencies in getting sexually active gay or bisexual men and women to seek proper medical care and treatment. AHF will provide services for one of the Men's Wellness Centers located in SPA 4.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The Agreement with AHF has a maximum County obligation of \$206,500, effective October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, with provision for two 12-month automatic renewals for FYs 2006-07 and 2007-08.

The Agreement with LAGLC has a total program cost of \$355,253, partially offset by \$86,753 in Federal CDC STD CSPA funds, and \$268,500 in net County cost, effective October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, with provision for two 12-month automatic renewals for FYs 2006-07 and 2007-08.

Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Adopted Budget and will be requested in future fiscal years.

FACTS AND PROVISIONAL/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

Since 1974, the County has contracted with the LAGLC to provide STD screening, treatment, case finding, and education services in the Central and West Los Angeles areas and, in recent years, the Hollywood area.

On December 9, 2003, the Board approved the Syphilis Social Marketing Campaign Services Agreement with AHF.

On subsequent occasions, the Board has approved renewal agreements and amendments with AHF and LAGLC to provide additional funding and to extend the term of the agreements to maintain the continuity of services.

On October 5, 2004 the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) notified the Board that a competitive bid process would be initiated for STD screening and treatment services.

Recommended actions are subject to County Counsel and CAO's review and approval.

Board approval of the recommended actions will provide funding support for AHF and LAGLC for the provision of STD screening, treatment, case finding and education services in Metro SPA 4 and will enhance the Department's efforts in syphilis elimination.

Attachment A provides additional information.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

On May 16, 2005, the Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking proposals from qualified community-based organizations within Los Angeles County for the provision of STD/HIV

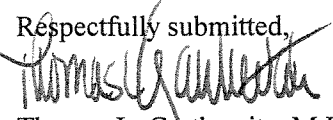
screening, treatment, case finding and education services that target and serve specific high risk populations of MSM and MSMW. The announcement letter for the RFP was mailed to 137 qualified STD clinical service providers. In addition, the RFP was advertised on the DHS website and the Public Health STD website. By the submission date of June 20, 2005, the Department received two proposals in response to the RFP, a proposal from AHF and LAGLC. As a result of the RFP evaluation process, both organizations were recommended for funding.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The early detection of syphilis cases continues to be a concern for the Department. There has been a significant increase in syphilis cases since 1999. Most of these cases are MSM cases which continue to be heavily concentrated in Metro SPA 4.

At this time, syphilis infection remains a significant endemic problem among MSM . Approval of the agreements with AHF and LAGLC will continue to provide available resources to meet the urgent need for expanded STD services for MSM and MSMW populations and will assist the Department in local syphilis elimination efforts in Los Angeles County.

When approved, this Department requires three signed copies of the Board's action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments(3)

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County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

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SUMMARY OF AGREEMENTS**1. TYPE OF SERVICES:**

Services include enhanced Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)/HIV screening, treatment, case finding, and education services for Metro Service Planning Area (SPA) 4.

2. AGENCY NAMES/CONTACT PERSONS:

L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center (LAGLC)
Sexual Health Program
1625 North Schrader Blvd.
Los Angeles, California 90028-6213
Attention: Robert Bolan, Director of Health Services
Telephone: (323) 993-7500
Facsimile: (323) 993-7599
e-mail address: www.laglc.org

AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Inc.
6255 West Sunset Boulevard, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, California 90028
Attention: Karen Mall, Director - Prevention Programs
Telephone: (323) 436-5001
Facsimile: (323) 436-5030
e-mail address: karenm@aidshhealth.org

3. TERM OF AMENDMENT(S):

The agreements are effective October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, with provision for two 12-month automatic renewals for Fiscal Years (FY) 2006-07 and FY 2007-08.

4. FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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5. PRIMARY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS TO BE SERVED:

Department of Health Services' Metro SPA 4.

6. DESIGNATED ACCOUNTABLE FOR PROJECT MONITORING:

John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D., Chief of Operations, Public Health

7. APPROVALS:

Public Health: John F. Schunhoff, Ph.D., Chief of Operations

Contracts and Grants Division: Cara O'Neill, Chief

County Counsel: (approval as to form) Allison Morse, Deputy County Counsel